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1. I APPRECIATE THE CAUTION WITH WHICH DEPT HAS APPROACHED MATTER OF WARNING GOJ AND KAWASAKI AGAINST CONFRONTATION WITH U.S. INTERESTS AT SUBIC. WE WILL SEEK TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION HERE ABOUT KAWASAKI PROJECT AND HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS TO GOP WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS MENTIONED PARA 2 REF B.

2. SINCE SENDING REF A, I HAD INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE ASKED ME "OFF THE RECORD" HOW I THOUGHT U.S. NAVY WOULD REACT TO KAWASAKI PROJECT IN SUBMIC BAY. I SAID THAT, IF KASASAKI STAYS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BAY, I WOULD EXPECT NO PROBLEMS. BUT IF KAWASAKI HAS ANY DESIGNS ON THE SUBIC BASE, I WOULD EXPECT THE U.S. NAVY TO "SINK THEM." MARCOS LAUGHED AND SAID I WOUNDED AS THOUGH I MIGHT LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AN OPERATION. I SAID I MIGHT

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BE A VOLUNTEER.

3. COMMENT: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THIS TALK, HAS TOLD ME LATER THAT IT WAS A "USEFUL" CONVERSATION. HE SAID PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD GRAVE DOUBTS, ON GROUNDS OF PERSONAL CONVICITION, ABOUT GIVING JAPAN A DIRECT ROLE IN PHILIPPINE DEFENSE MATTERS. SULLIVAN

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